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SANTA ROSA INDIAN COMMUNITY OF THE
SANTA ROSA RANCHERIA dba PALACE
BINGO AND PALACE INDIAN GAMING

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
FOR THE COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO

FAIR POLITICAL PRACTICES
COMMISSION, a state agency,

Plaintiff,

v.

SANTA ROSA INDIAN COMMUNITY OF
THE SANTA ROSA RANCHERIA dba
PALACE BINGO AND PALACE INDIAN
GAMING, and DOES I-XX,

Defendant.

Case No.: 02AS04544

Date: March 6, 2003

Time: 9:00 a.m.

Dept.: 54

Judge: Hon. Joe Gray

**DECLARATION OF MIKE SISCO
IN SUPPORT OF MOTION OF
SPECIALLY APPEARING SANTA
ROSA RANCHERIA'S MOTION TO
QUASH SERVICE OF SUMMONS
AND FIRST AMENDED
COMPLAINT [C.C.P. § 418.10]**

Date Action Filed: July 31, 2002

Trial Date: None Set

I, Mike Sisco, declare as follows:

1. I am the duly elected and serving Chairman of the Santa Rosa Rancheria of the Tachi Yokut Indians, a federally-recognized Indian tribe (the "Tribe") and a specially-appearing defendant in this action. I make this declaration in support of the Tribe's pending motion to quash service for lack of personal jurisdiction. I make this declaration based on my own personal knowledge,

1 information and belief. If called as a witness, I could and would competently testify as to the matters
2 stated herein.

3 2. According to the Articles of Community Organization and Bylaws of the Santa Rosa
4 Indian Community for Santa Rosa Rancheria, the governing body of the Tribe is its General Council
5 which consists of all tribal members twenty-one years of age or over. The General Council has
6 delegated to the Tribe's six-member elected Tribal Council the authority to administer community
7 assets and to manage all economic affairs and enterprises of the community.

9 3. The Tribal Council consists of the following officials: the Chairman, the Vice-
10 Chairman, the Secretary, Treasurer, and two Delegates each of whom serves a term of two years.
11 The Tribal Council exercises extensive powers on behalf of and in the name of the Tribe. The Tribal
12 Government consists of the Tribal Council plus the various committees, commissions, agencies and
13 other bodies established by the Tribal Council, as well as the Tribal staff.

15 3. I have served the Tribe as its Chairman continuously since May 1999 and the Vice-
16 Chairman prior to this term for several years. In my capacity as Chairman, I am personally familiar
17 with all of the Tribal Government's policy-making activities during that period.

18 4. The Tribal Council has always been willing to discuss a government-to-government
19 relationship with any other non-Indian government or agency, including the Fair Political Practices
20 Commission. However, we have been informed that the only basis on which the Fair Political
21 Practices Commission would enter into a relationship with the Tribe is simply to regulate the Tribe,
22 the same as an ordinary non-governmental private party, under all the provisions of the Political
23 Reform Act, without deviation, and without recognition of the Tribe's status as a sovereign or a
24 government. This we are unwilling to do. The Tribe is a government. It will relate to other
25 governments on a government-to-government basis. The Tribe will not simply submit to regulation
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1 by an agency of the state government. Our sovereignty is subordinate to that of the United States, but
2 not to that of the State of California.

3 5. The Tribal Council generally meets weekly. Its meetings are held in a meeting room
4 at the Tribe's Tribal Office which is located at 16835 Alkali Drive, P.O. Box 8, Lemoore, California.
5 The Tribal Office is located on the lands of the Santa Rosa Rancheria.
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7 6. At its meetings, the Tribal Council from time to time considers making financial
8 contributions to candidates, ballot propositions, and perhaps others. Proposals for such contributions
9 are discussed by the Tribal Council, and voted on. Political contributions are made only if approved
10 by a majority vote of the Tribal Council.

11 7. The Tribal Council makes all decisions and actions regarding the Tribe's contributions
12 in its meetings at the Tribal Office.
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14 8. All contributions are made on behalf of the Tribe as a sovereign government, with
15 Tribal funds. The Tribe has never, and does not ever intend to accept funds from non-Tribal
16 members or third parties for contribution purposes.

17 9. The Tribe basis its decision to make a contribution by analyzing the tribal interest
18 involved as a sovereign government. The Tribe has never, and does not intend to make contributions
19 based on non-Tribal members or third parties interest.
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21 10. The Tribe's accounting department handles and accounts for the receipt of all tribal
22 funds and makes all Tribal disbursements from those funds, through accounts maintained by the
23 Tribe through me and my staff at this location. The Tribe's accounting department is located in the
24 Tribe's Tribal office at 16835 Alkali Drive, P.O. Box 8, Lemoore, California. The Tribal Office is
25 located on the lands of the Santa Rosa Rancheria.

26 11. In some instances, the accounting department for the Palace Indian Gaming Center, a
27 tribal business owned and operated by the Tribe handles and accounts for the receipt and
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1 disbursement of Tribal funds. The Palace Indian Gaming Center is located at 17225 Jersey Ave.,
2 P.O. Box 308, Lemoore, California. The Palace Indian Gaming Center is located on the lands of the
3 Santa Rosa Rancheria.

4 12. After the Tribal Council has authorized a political contribution and the accounting
5 department has prepared the check, it is generally mailed by Tribal staff to the recipient, along with a
6 cover letter prepared by Tribal staff. The mail is either picked up at the Tribal Office, by the federal
7 postal carrier, or my staff takes it to the post office branch that serves the Tribe.
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9 I declare under penalty of perjury of the laws of the State of California that the above
10 statements are true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information and belief. Executed this ____
11 day of February 2003, at Lemoore, California.
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I declare that I am employed with the law firm of Monteau & Peebles, L.L.P., whose address is 1001 Second Street, Sacramento, California 95814-3201; I am not a party to the within cause; I am over the age of eighteen years; and I am readily familiar with Monteau & Peebles, L.L.P.'s practice for collection and processing of correspondence for mailing with the United States Postal Service and know that in the ordinary course of Monteau & Peebles, L.L.P.'s business practice the document described below will be deposited with the United States Postal Service on the same date that it is placed at Monteau & Peebles, L.L.P. with postage thereon fully prepaid for collection and mailing

I further declare that on the date hereof I served a copy of:

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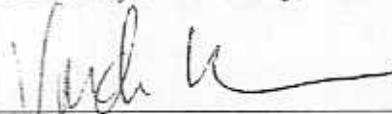
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I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the above is true and correct.

Executed at Sacramento, California, this 28th day of February, 2003.



Vonda Ricciardi